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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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**UNITED STATES-FRANCE COMBINATION SERVICES**

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**Docket OST-99-5714**

**Served: May 24, 1999**

**NOTICE**

By this notice, we invite all U.S. carriers interested in making use of additional new frequencies available April 2000 for U.S.-France scheduled combination services to file applications with the Department for their proposed services.

The 1998 Air Transport Agreement (Agreement) between the United States and France provides for substantial growth in transatlantic scheduled air services. With respect to combination services, the Agreement provides that during the period April 1998 through April 2002, the airlines designated for combination services collectively may operate up to 63 additional weekly frequencies in the market. Of these 63 frequencies, a total of 28 became available in 1998 and 1999 and they were allocated by Orders 98-5-8 and 98-11-19. Under the agreement, 14 additional frequencies become available April 2000.<sup>1</sup>

Carriers with proposals to use the frequencies available April 2000 should file applications no later than June 14, 1999. Carriers that already hold the necessary underlying authority should file an application for allocation of the available frequencies. Carriers that require additional underlying authority as well should file applications that include a request for exemption authority and a frequency allocation. Answers to applications will be due June 24, 1999, and replies to answers will be due July 1, 1999. Except for the filing dates, exemption applications should conform to Subpart Q of Part 302 of the Department's regulations (14 CFR Part 302). All applications (exemption and frequency allocation) should be filed with the Department of Transportation, Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, in

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<sup>1</sup> References to April of a given year mean that opportunities will be available from the first day of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) summer traffic season, which is normally in the last week of March. We will deal subsequently with the frequencies that become available April 2001 (7 frequencies) and April 2002 (14 frequencies).

Docket OST-99-5714.<sup>2</sup> They should specify the markets to be served; the aircraft type and passenger capacity of the aircraft to be used and whether such aircraft are currently available in the carrier's fleet; the proposed startup date for each service; the number of weekly frequencies and the full routing of the flights to be operated; and evidence of the carrier's underlying economic authority, including route integration authority, if applicable. Applicants are also free to submit any additional information that they believe will help us in making our decision. Further procedures for acting on the applications filed, if necessary, will be established in a future Department order.

We will serve this notice on all U.S. certificated air carriers operating large aircraft, the U.S. Department of State (Office of Aviation Negotiations), the Federal Aviation Administration (AFS-200), and the Ambassador of France in Washington, D.C.

By:

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Dated: May 20, 1999

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